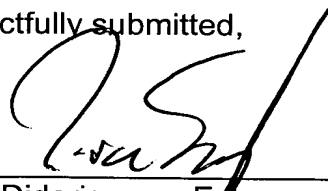


REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is requested. The above-made amendments have been made to place the application in conformance with U.S. standards. No new matter has been added.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENT REFLECTING CHANGES

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 were cancelled and new Claims 10-17 were added:

--10. A pressure resistant process window for visual or spectroscopic examination of pressurized products in a pipe or a reactor comprising:

(A) at least one measurement-cell body that is connected to a pipe or a reactor, and a transparent window pane having (i) a central region, (ii) an outer region, and (iii) a wall thickness in the central region that is greater than a wall thickness in the outer region,

wherein the window pane is sealed against the measurement-cell body with a screw barrel having an external thread that can be screwed into a hollow barrel that (a) has an internal thread that is connected to the measurement-cell body, and (b) is connected to the measurement-cell body in a pressure-resistant or in a pressure-resistant and detachable manner; and

(B) a seal between the measurement-cell body and the window pane for sealing the reactor interior or pipe interior from surroundings of the reactor interior or pipe interior.

11. The process window according to Claim 10, wherein the hollow barrel has an annular sealing surface on which the window pane contacts in a pressure-resistant manner.

12. The process window according to Claim 10, wherein the hollow barrel is designed in one piece with the measurement-cell body or is welded thereto.

13. The process window according to Claim 10, wherein the hollow barrel is connected to the measurement-cell body in a pressure-resistant, detachable manner.

14. The process window according to Claim 10, wherein a ring with low friction against the barrel or the window pane is present between the screw barrel and the window pane.

15. The process window according to Claim 14, wherein the ring is graphite.

16. The process window according to Claim 14, wherein two rings which

are in sliding contact with one another are present instead of a ring.

17. The process window according to Claim 10, wherein the window pane extends into the pipe or the reactor with the central region and is surrounded on its periphery by a protective sleeve. --

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

In the Title, please cancel the Title and replace with the following Title:

--PRESSURE-PROOF PROCESS WINDOW--

On page 1, below the Title, please add:

--This application is the National Stage Application of PCT/EP00/02239, which claims a priority from German Application 199 13 730.7 filed March 26, 1999.

--BACKGROUND--

On page 3, line 5, please add:

--DESCRIPTION--

On page 7, below line 12, please add:

-- The invention is further described in the following illustrative examples.

On page 9, below line 32, please add the following:

--Although the present invention has been described in detail with reference to certain preferred versions thereof, other variations are possible. Therefore, the spirit and scope of the appended claims should not be limited to the description of the versions contained therein.--